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MEDIA ADVISORY

Alderwoman Coggs invites residents to participate in Juneteenth festivities

Alderwoman Milele A. Coggs invites residents to take part in the Juneteenth Day festivities scheduled for **Monday, June 19, 2017**, starting at 9:00 a.m. on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. between Burleigh St. and Center St.

The Juneteenth Parade will start at 10 a.m. on Monday, with the opening ceremony getting underway on the main stage (located at N. MLK Dr. and W. Locust St.) at 12:00 p.m. The Juneteenth Street Festival will go until closing at 6 p.m.

The annual Juneteenth Day Celebration is a nationwide event commemorating freedom proclaimed to all enslaved people of African descent in the South by Union General Gordon Granger on June 19, 1865 in Galveston, Texas, nearly two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln. Monday's festivities will mark the 46th annual recognition of Juneteenth in Milwaukee.

The event is free and open to the public. Alderwoman Coggs herself will take part in the kickoff parade and other events throughout the day.

What: Milwaukee Juneteenth festivities

When: Monday, June 19, 2017

Parade at 10:00 a.m., street festival until 6:00 p.m.

Where: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr.

Between Burleigh St. and Center St.